

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN SHIP SYSTEMS, INC.,
formerly known as INGALLS SHIPBUILDING, INC.,**

PLAINTIFF

and

SIDNEY A. BACKSTROM, et al.

INTERVENOR-PLAINTIFFS

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:02CV785-HSO-RHW

**THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF VENEZUELA, and BANK OF NEW YORK**

DEFENDANTS

PLAINTIFF'S TWENTY-SIXTH STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to this Court's order of February 27, 2019, Huntington Ingalls Incorporated, as successor to Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Inc., submits this report to further update the status of the arbitration and related litigation.

In the action to confirm or, alternatively, to recognize and enforce the arbitral award, Case No. 1:18-cv-00469 (D.D.C.), the parties filed timely responses to the order to show cause why the case should not be dismissed or transferred to this District. Neither party advocated for transfer. Both parties principally requested in their responses that the Court go ahead and issue a ruling based on their arguments on the petition and the motion to dismiss the petition.

The District Court has yet to issue a further order in the D.C. action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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